

Ballot Argument in Favor of Proposition 4

There are eight California not-for-profit Children's Hospitals and five more University of California Children's Hospitals. Over two million times each year, seriously ill children receive highly specialized care in a California Children's Hospital. No matter what a family can pay.

Children with complex medical conditions and life threatening diseases. Cancer. Sickle Cell. Cystic Fibrosis.

We perform 97% of all pediatric organ transplants, 96% of all pediatric heart surgeries, and 76% of all pediatric cancer treatments.

With each new research breakthrough, new life-saving technology, the finest pediatric specialists, cures happen every single day at California's Children's Hospitals. Today, 85% of children with leukemia leave our hospitals cured.

As premier pediatric research centers, we are making breakthroughs that keep every California child healthy without ever needing to walk through our doors.

Because of our success, the demand on us grows. We've become regional hubs, with children now referred to us from many other hospitals in California.

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Proposition 4 asks voters to consider investing less than \$40 per year for each patient we see... money to help us build more capacity to cure more California children.

14 years ago, Californians supported our first bond. We have honored that trust ever since. Every dollar has been spent on building new facilities, modernizing older ones, adding more beds and purchasing the best and most advanced medical technology... curing more children.

The State Treasurer's Office administers all state bond funds, but testified to the Senate and Assembly Health Committees that "this program in particular has been very successful."

We take great professional pride in what we do. As human beings we are privileged to witness the innocent strength in children, the love in their families, the resolve in our staffs, the generosity of our benefactors, and the triumph of the human spirit.

We invite you to join the millions of California voters who have supported Children's Hospitals.

We can all vote Yes on Proposition 4 -- Building to Cure More Children.

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